

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please correct the paragraph beginning on page 14, ¶ [0018], with the following:

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Fig. 1 is a side view of a stapler incorporating therein a staple leg cutting mechanism according to the invention.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the same stapler as shown in Fig. 1, showing a state in which a clincher mechanism is in operation.

Fig. 3 is a front view of a staple leg cutting mechanism and a clincher mechanism respectively formed in a clincher mechanism part.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the same staple leg cutting mechanism and clincher mechanism as shown in Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a side view of the same staple leg cutting mechanism and clincher mechanism as shown in Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the staple leg cutting mechanism and clincher mechanism, showing in a state where they are in operation.

Fig. 7 is a longitudinal section view of the staple leg cutting mechanism, showing a state before it is operated.

Fig. 8 is a longitudinal front view of the staple leg cutting mechanism, showing a state where movable cutters are operated and ~~slided~~ slid by cutter cams.

Fig. 9 is a longitudinal front view of the staple leg cutting mechanism, showing a state where the movable cutters are held at their sliding operation positions.

Fig. 10 (a) is a longitudinal front view of the main portions of the clincher mechanism, showing the operation state of the clincher mechanism, specifically, showing a state before drive links are operated.

Fig. 10 (b) is a longitudinal front view of the main portions of the clincher mechanism, showing the operation state of the clincher mechanism, specifically showing a state just before movable clinchers are operated and rotated.

Fig. 10 (c) is a longitudinal front view of the main portions of the clincher mechanism, showing the operation state of the clincher mechanism, specifically showing a state in which the clinching operation of the staple legs by the movable clinchers is completed.

Fig. 10 (d) is a is a longitudinal front view of the main portions of the clincher mechanism, showing the operation state of the clincher mechanism, specifically showing a state in which, after the clinching operation of the staple legs by the movable clincher is completed, the drive links are further operated.

Fig. 11 is a longitudinal front view of the clincher mechanism, showing a state before it is operated.

Fig. 12 is a longitudinal front view of the clincher mechanism, showing a clinching state in which the movable clinchers are rotated by clincher cams.

Fig. 13 is a perspective view of the drive mechanism[[,]] showing an electric motor a motor, a driver roller, and a driven roller.

Please correct the paragraph beginning on page 17, ¶ [0021], with the following:

[0021]

Fig. 1 shows a stapler according to an embodiment of the invention. In a stapler frame 2 forming the outline of the present stapler 1, there are stored an electric motor 31 and a drive mechanism 30, ~~including a driver roller 32 and a driven roller 33, which can be driven and rotated by this electric motor 31.~~ See Fig. 13 for the drive mechanism 30 and the electric motor 31. Also, in the lower portion of the stapler frame 2, there is disposed a striking mechanism part 3 which can be driven by the drive mechanism 30 to thereby strike out a U-shaped staple toward binding sheets. The striking mechanism part 3 according to the present embodiment is structured such that not only it can form a large number of mutually connected straight-shaped staple materials into a U-shaped staple using forming means but also it can strike out the thus-formed staple in an upward facing manner toward binding sheets disposed upwardly of the striking mechanism part 3.